

Amendment to the Specification:

Page 1, please replace paragraph 1, lines 1-5 with the following paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a cooking device comprising a housing, a cooking chamber arranged in the housing, and which can be closed by means of a door, in addition to at least one control and display panel which is provided with an optical luminous display.

Page 1, please replace paragraph 2, lines 6-21 with the following paragraph:

DISCUSSION OF RELATED ART

To operate electrical domestic appliances it is known to equip them with a luminous display, so that it is also apparent from a distance whether the domestic appliance is switched on or off. DE 1 964 483 discloses for example an oven, in which the luminous display is designed as a light band backlit by a light source. But since the cooking chamber in ovens can also be illuminated without simultaneous heating of the cooking chamber, and thus the associated luminous display signals the on operating mode of the oven only, the luminous display is no indication for the user as to whether the cooking chamber, and thus also the front side of the door closing off the cooking chamber, is hot or cold, so that despite the luminous display there is the danger that the user of the oven will be burnt by the door.

Page 1, please replace paragraph 3, lines 22-25 with the following paragraph:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On this basis the object of the present invention is to configure the luminous display of a cooking device of the type initially outlined, such that display of the cooking device is improved.

Page 2, please replace paragraph 2, lines 11-18 with the following paragraph:

According to a first practical embodiment of the invention the luminous display is designed as a substantially linear luminous band, in which the length advantageously corresponds to the width of the viewing window in the door closing off the cooking chamber, resulting in a simple and clear optical relationship between the luminous display and the cooking chamber, whereof the operating mode is to be displayed.

Page 4, please replace paragraph 1, lines 3-7 with the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S)

Further features and advantages of the invention will emerge from the following description of the associated drawing, in which an embodiment of an inventive cooking device is illustrated schematically only by way of example, wherein:

Page 4, please replace paragraph 6, lines 19-29 with the following paragraph:

DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE INVENTION

In a perspective view Figure 1 shows a cooking device, the housing 1 of which is closed on the upper side by a cooktop plate 2, in which four heating elements 3 are integrated. The cooking device also has a cooking chamber 5 arranged in the housing 1, and is closable by a door 4 provided with a viewing window 4a. A control and display panel 6 with individual control elements 7, assigned to the heating elements 3 and the cooking chamber 5, serve to activate the separate heating elements 3 of the cooktop plate 2 and of the cooking chamber 5.